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INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF VENEZUELAN REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
WITH CUBA

REF: STATE 133491 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN SCHACHT THIS AFTERNOON AND MADE REPRESENTATION
OUTLINED REFTTEL. IT WAS CLEAR THAT WHETHER I HAD SEEN HIM THIS WEEK
OR A MONTH AGO, DECISION OF VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY
BEEN TAKEN TO RECOGNIZE CUBA.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND
VENEZUELA THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD GO HAND IN HAND ON
RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND COROLLARY ENDING
OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. HE SAID THAT PANAMA WOULD ALSO JOIN WITH
THESE TWO SENIOR BOLIVARIAN COUNTRIES; AND THAT HE EXPECTED THAT
COSTA RICA (BECAUSE OF ITS FRIENDLY ASSOCIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT
PEREZ) AND PROBABLY ALSO HONDURAS WOULD JOIN IN A FIVE-POWER
MOVEMENT TO VOTE REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

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3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

OF MEXICO, WHO IS DUE IN CARACAS JULY 25, I WOULD SPECULATE
THAT VENEZUELA WILL ANNOUNCE ITS CHANGE IN POLICY TOWARD CUBA
BEFORE ARRIVAL OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT IN ORDER NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION
THAT IT HAS RESPONDED TO OUTSIDE PRESSURE.
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